

Woodworking

The first workshop for woodworking is scheduled for the second Saturday in January (January 13th). The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 at Rocky Mountain Furniture Shop. They are located across from Murdoch's, behind the strip mall. This workshop will cover orientation of the project, safety, deciding on a what to make, and cutting wood. Bring a pencil and tape measure. Workshops will be held on the First Saturday of the month, after the January meeting.

2nd Annual Photo Contest

Second Annual 4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest deadline: May 1, 2007

Get out your cameras and start clicking! Thanks to everyone who helped get the 4-H photo contest off the ground last year. The entries (with photographer permission) have already helped tell the story of 4-H to the public in posters, newspaper articles, Web pages and publications. In the first contest, youth submitted photos that captured the "learn by doing" spirit by showing 4-H'ers doing everything from feeding livestock to sewing quilts, making cinnamon rolls. But there are hundreds of projects and other 4-H activities to show off. We'd love to see more entries that catch kids involved in 4-H activities, especially with a teen or adult mentor. Youth can enter photos from 4-H photography projects as long as they adhere to the contest rules. But any young person under 18 can enter even if they are not in 4-H, as long as their photo depicts a 4-H youth "learning by doing." Because we would like to publish the winners and retain entries to help promote Montana 4-H, we ask photographers to provide model releases from people pictured. For complete rules contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 388-3213 or 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (Located in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2, downstairs).

In Search of Volunteer Leaders

If you could spare a few hours monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or just a couple times yearly, call us at 388-3213 and we'll show you how to get started. Looking for leaders in the following areas: Small engines, Entomology, or many other areas.

4-H Legislative Breakfast Planned

The Montanans for 4-H are again holding the 4-H Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. As is the past, Gallatin County will send a small delegation of 4-H members and leaders to host our area legislators during the breakfast. We will share a table with them and discuss 4-H in our county until the overall program begins. Often times, legislators will offer a tour after breakfast and will lead our group through the capitol. If you're interested in being a part of our delegation, please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 and we'll put you on the list.

International Travel

Outbound applications for international travel are due January 1, 2007 (Australia), January 15, 2007 (Finland) and February 15, 2007 (Japan). Chapter-one applications are due at the same time as the delegate applications listed above. All programs require two letters of reference and a personal interview. Funding assistance is available from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Travel dates are: Finland - June 15-July 16, Australia - June 20-July 19, Japan (Nihongo) June 14-August 9, Japan (regular 4-week exchange) July 11-August 9. Applications are available on the web at www.montanah4h.org or by contacting Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502.



Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for you meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2007.